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March 4, 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- The FCC [announced](#) 262 revised offers of A-CAM support to carriers having already been authorized to receive A-CAM support and the associated revised deployment obligations. These carriers have until March 27, 2019, to notify the Bureau, on a state-by-state basis, whether they elect to receive the revised amount of model-based support.
- The FCC [announced](#) it is ready to authorize CAF Phase II auction support for the Auction 903 winning bids. Applicants listed in the attachment to the public notice must file letters of credit and legal counsel's opinion letters by March 13, 2019.
- The FCC [denied](#) ATA's [Petition](#) for a waiver of the Alaska Plan requirement that carriers receiving support under the plan submit fiber network maps that are accurate to within 7.6-meters.
- USTelecom [suggested](#) the FCC eliminate the rate floor policy because it is an unnecessary regulatory burden for rural companies.
- NTCA [detailed](#) implementation issues associated with the [Network Testing Order](#) and offered suggestions on the process to resolve questions and the timing of testing. ITTA, TDS Telecom, et al. [discussed](#) the [Network Testing Order](#), and suggested the FCC delay the current July 1, 2019 implementation date for broadband performance testing.
- The FCC [announced](#) the OMB approved the information collection associated with section 36.3(b) (freezing of jurisdictional separations category relationships and/or allocation factors) contained in the December 2018 [Order](#) that extended the separations freeze for up to six years.
- The FCC [concluded](#) its investigation of Aureon's Transmittal No. 38, and directed Aureon to file a revised interstate switched transport rate and revised cost support. The FCC also [concluded](#) its investigation of SDN's Transmittal No. 13, finding its interstate switched access rate exceeded the allowable per minute of use benchmark, and directed SDN to file a revised tariff.
- USAC filed the [Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Quarterly Contribution Base](#) for Second Quarter 2019.

Other Key Upcoming Dates

- Mar. 8 - Comments [due](#) on the December 2018 RoR USF Reform [FNPRM](#). Replies are due April 8, 2019.
- Mar. 11 - Replies [due](#) on the FNPRMs attached to the [Report and Order](#) that allowed certain RLECs that receive fixed high-cost support to transition from RoR regulation to incentive regulation for their BDS. [FR](#)
- Mar. 11 - Replies [due](#) on the 2018 Biennial Review of Telecommunications Regulations. [Public Notice](#)

USF Reform

- The Wireline Competition Bureau released a [Public Notice](#) on February 25, 2019, announcing 262 revised offers of A-CAM support to carriers having already been authorized to receive A-CAM support and the associated revised deployment obligations, consistent with the December 2018 [RoR Reform Order](#). The Bureau said the accompanying Report 14 ([Excel](#)) shows the revised state-level offers of model-based support and revised deployment obligations for each carrier that is eligible to elect a revised offer. These carriers have until March 27, 2019, to notify the Bureau, on a state-by-state basis, whether they elect to receive the revised amount of model-based support (at ConnectAmerica@fcc.gov). The FCC also issued a [news release](#) on the offer.
- The Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force, the Wireline Competition Bureau, and the Office of Economics and Analytics released a [Public Notice](#) on February 27, 2019, announcing they are ready to authorize CAF Phase II auction support for the Auction 903 winning bids identified in Attachment A to this Public Notice. They said to be authorized to receive the total 10-year support amounts listed in Attachment A, the long-form applicants identified in that attachment are required to submit acceptable irrevocable standby letter(s) of credit and Bankruptcy Code opinion letter(s) from their legal counsel for each state where they have winning bids that are ready to be authorized in accordance with the instructions provided in the Public Notice – prior to 6:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. They indicated they will authorize support for specific winning bids for which all requirements, including submission of the letter of credit and opinion letter, have been met in a future public notice.
- The Wireless Telecommunications and the Wireline Competition Bureaus issued an [Order](#) on March 1, 2019, denying Alaska Telecom Association's [Petition](#) for a waiver of the Alaska Plan requirement that carriers receiving support under the plan submit fiber network maps that are accurate to within 7.6-meters. The Bureaus said the request is overly broad and failed to plead with particularity the facts and circumstances warranting relief.
- USTelecom met with Advisors to Commissioners [O'Rielly](#), [Rosenworcel](#), [Carr](#), and [Starks](#) on February 22 and 25, 2019, to express its position that the Commission should eliminate the rate floor policy because it is an unnecessary regulatory burden for rural companies. USTelecom noted the need for swift action in this matter because some carriers have fast approaching state notification and tariffing requirements well in advance of the Commission's deadline for action.
- NTCA filed a [letter](#) on February 28, 2019, on implementation of the July 2018 [Network Testing Order](#). NTCA asserted that even as applications for review, petitions for reconsideration, and further public notices remain pending, the more significant issue is the process by which all of these questions will be resolved and the timing within which testing must be implemented and commence. NTCA suggested: a dialogue among FCC staff, USAC, and other stakeholders through which the testing and reporting rules can be finalized; sufficient time for operators and/or vendors to develop hardware and software necessary to perform the measurements testing; and a sufficient period during which ISPs can "test the testing."
- ITTA, TDS Telecom, Great Plains Communications, and Blackfoot [met with](#) Commissioner Rosenworcel on February 21, 2019, to discuss the July 2018 [Network Testing Order](#), the pending petitions for reconsideration and applications for review of it, and responsive pleadings thereto. They emphasized the need for the Commission to issue an order or public notice holding in abeyance the current July 1, 2019 implementation date for the commencement of broadband performance testing, saying because of the outstanding issues, adherence to the current implementation date runs the risk of forcing carriers to devote substantial personnel hours and financial sums to testing standards that may not ultimately be required. They said these concerns are compounded by the current widespread unavailability of equipment that most carriers can use in a cost-effective manner to test their networks. ITTA and Blackfoot also [spoke with](#) Commissioner Starks' Legal Advisor on February 25, 2019, to discuss the same issues.
- Viasat filed [a letter](#) on February 25, 2019, to respond to Hughes Network Systems' February 4, 2019 [letter](#) regarding the two parties' pending Petitions for Reconsideration of the Network Testing Order. Viasat said Hughes's repetition of its claim that the relief Viasat seeks involves "primary retroactivity"

does not make it so, arguing the relief requested by Viasat would clarify the performance testing regime for purposes of future compliance. It said Hughes's letter, like its opposition and its prior letter, provides no basis for denying Viasat's [Petition for Reconsideration](#).

- Cincinnati Bell Telephone filed a [Petition for Waiver or Clarification](#) on February 25, 2019, of the broadband deployment reporting and certification requirements for high-cost recipients contained in section 54.316. CBT asserted waiver or clarification is necessary to enable it to certify, in connection with its reporting due March 1, 2019, for the year ending December 31, 2018, and subsequent years, geo-location information for 651 units to which CBT deployed facilities pursuant to its CAF Phase II support obligations in 2017.
- Frontier filed a [letter](#) on March 1, 2019, to update its January 16, 2019 [notification](#) on its CAF Phase II deployment milestone. Frontier determined it has met the deployment milestone in Nebraska and New Mexico, but determined it was short in Arizona and Ohio. Frontier asserted while it did not reach the full 60 percent year-end 2018 milestone in these two states, it reached over 57 percent of its target in both states and thus does not trigger the FCC's non-compliance measures.
- T-Mobile filed a [letter](#) on February 26, 2019, responding to a recent [ex parte](#) by the Rural Wireless Association on the Mobility Fund II challenge process. T-Mobile claimed RWA continues to make false and procedurally barred misrepresentations about the 4G LTE coverage information T-Mobile has provided to the FCC as part of the Mobility Fund Phase II challenge process. T-Mobile asserted while the report RWA references from the Vermont Department of Public Service offers a helpful illustration of Vermonters' lack of access to ubiquitous mobile broadband service, the report does not meet the criteria for an MF-II challenge and does not support RWA's allegations of fraud.
- The Wireline Competition and Wireless Telecommunications Bureaus issued an [Order](#) on March 1, 2019, granting New Hampshire State Senator Jeanne Dietsch's [Petition](#) to accept certain Mobility Fund II challenge records. The Bureaus said the waiver allows the acceptance of certain speed tests undertaken during a limited period on T-Mobile's network in New Hampshire with a handset model that was marketed, but not designated, by T-Mobile. The Bureaus instructed the USAC to accept the speed tests identified in the petition.
- Jeanne Dietsch, state senator of New Hampshire, filed a second [supplement](#) on February 28, 2019, to her [petition for waiver](#) to accept certain Mobility Fund II challenge records. She said FCC staff requested additional information pertaining to records that were submitted and certified on November 26, 2018, which she provided in her initial [supplement](#), and per the FCC's request, this filing provides the information in a different format.

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- The FCC issued a [Memorandum Opinion and Order](#) on February 28, 2019, concluding the investigation into the lawfulness of Aureon Network Service's interstate switched transport rate contained in Transmittal No. 38, Tariff F.C.C. No. 1. The FCC said it found substantial questions of lawfulness remain with respect to Aureon's tariffed interstate switched transport rate, including, but not limited to, whether Aureon's cost-based support demonstrates compliance with the Commission's affiliate transaction rules. The FCC directed Aureon to file a revised interstate switched transport rate in Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 and revised cost support within 60 days from the release date of this Order. The FCC said the applicable [accounting order](#) shall remain in effect until such time as the revised rate is effective.
- The FCC issued a [Memorandum Opinion and Order](#) on March 1, 2019, concluding the investigation into the lawfulness of tariff revisions South Dakota Network filed on September 17, 2018. The FCC found SDN's interstate switched access rate of \$0.004871 per minute of use is unlawful because it exceeds the allowable competitive incumbent LEC benchmark rate for SDN of \$0.002288 per minute of use. The FCC required SDN to file a revised tariff within 60 days from the release date of this Order and said the [accounting order](#) applicable to SDN shall remain in effect until the revised rates are effective.

Broadband

- USTelecom, AT&T, CenturyLink, Consolidated, Frontier, and Verizon [met with](#) Chairman Pai's Senior Counsel and Wireline Advisor and Wireline Competition Bureau staff on February 25, 2019, to discuss USTelecom's [Petition for Forbearance](#) from certain regulatory obligations imposed on ILECs. They asserted the record shows widespread competition in local markets that supports a finding that section 251(c) unbundling and resale mandates are no longer necessary to protect consumers and competition. They also responded to questions raised in the record alleging potential harms to some customers if the relief sought is granted and discussed the possibility of submitting additional information in the record to further address these questions.
- The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association [met with](#) Commissioner Starks' Wireline and Public Safety Legal Advisor on February 26, 2019, to discuss Form 477 data reporting. NRECA recommended that only locations that are served should be reported as "served," and reporting procedures necessary to accurately gauge broadband availability in rural areas may not be required for urban areas. NRECA also said the previous Form 477 instructions, that required fixed broadband providers to report broadband availability on a street segment basis if a census block is greater than two square miles, should be reinstated, among other things.
- The American Cable Association [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on February 21, 2019, to discuss methods by which smaller cable operators could collect and report on Form 477 broadband deployment data on a more granular basis. ACA recommended the Commission adopt a new broadband deployment collection methodology based on well-defined priorities and consider instituting pilot programs that would assess different methodologies. In the interim, it suggested the Commission again employ a challenge process to assess unserved and served census blocks for purposes of implementing the Remote Areas Fund and the follow-on support mechanism to the CAF Phase II model support program.
- NCTA, Charter, Comcast, Cox, and GCI [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on February 25, 2019, to present their proposal to revise the Form 477 broadband reporting process so policymakers and consumers have more accurate information about the availability of broadband. They suggested the FCC require fixed broadband providers to submit polygon shapefiles in lieu of the census block availability data required under current rules, and encouraged the FCC to use crowd-sourcing to supplement the FCC's current process for verifying reported data. They said NCTA's proposal recognizes that one of the most important uses of broadband data and maps is to target subsidies to unserved areas, claiming many areas are currently excluded from subsidy mechanisms because a census block is reported as served but would be eligible for support under NCTA's proposed shapefile-based approach. NCTA, Charter, Comcast, and Cox [met with](#) Chiefs of Staff to Commissioners Rosenworcel and Carr, and Commissioner Starks' Legal Advisor on February 26, 2019, and, along with GCI, also met with Commissioner O'Rielly's Legal Advisor on February 28, 2019, to discuss the same issues.
- GCI [spoke with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on February 27, 2019, to discuss the Form 477 broadband reporting process. GCI discussed the merits of requiring fixed broadband providers to submit polygon shapefiles in lieu of the census block availability data currently required by the Commission's rules, asserting that this approach would allow the Commission to significantly improve the accuracy of its broadband coverage data. GCI also suggested the Commission require providers to certify to providing the Commission with the best information they have about the areas they can serve rather than that the data accurately reflect the serviceability of every physical location inside a polygon.
- The FCC filed a [motion](#) with the Ninth Circuit Court on February 25, 2019, asking the court to consolidate 13 [petitions for review](#) of the FCC's September 2018 [Declaratory Ruling and Report and Order](#) on wireless infrastructure deployment. The FCC also asked the court to place these cases in abeyance pending the FCC's disposition of a [petition for reconsideration](#) that raises the same issues raised by the local government petitioners in their petitions for review, and asked the court to defer any deadline for filing the administrative record, noting the record appears to contain more than 3,500 separate filings totaling more than 26,000 pages.

- In addition to oppositions reported in a previous edition of *REGScan*, oppositions were filed on February 22, 2019, to the City of New Orleans, et al.'s [Petition for Reconsideration](#) of the September 2018 [Order](#) on wireless infrastructure deployment. [AT&T](#) asserted Petitioners rely on arguments that the Commission fully considered and rejected and inject arguments that mischaracterize the Order. AT&T said to the extent the Petition makes allegations that could be considered new, Petitioners failed to demonstrate that reconsideration would serve the public interest. [Sprint](#) claimed the Petition seeks to upend the Commission's action to conform local government review processes and fees for small cells with the requirements of federal law under sections 253 and 332. Sprint asserted rescinding the Order will cause substantial and material harm to Sprint and would be contrary to the public interest. [All oppositions available to date](#). Replies are due March 4, 2019. [Public Notice](#) | [FR](#)

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Universal Service

- USAC filed the [Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Quarterly Contribution Base](#) for Second Quarter 2019 on March 1, 2019. The total projected collected interstate and international end-user revenue base to be used in determining the contribution factor for the USF Support Mechanisms for Second Quarter 2019 is \$12,266,461,604 down from \$12,289,162,461 in the previous quarter.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau released an [Order](#) on February 27, 2019, to correct an E-rate system error and to grant a limited, one-time waiver of the Commission's E-rate special construction service implementation deadline. The Bureau provided relief to applicants that: received the incorrect special construction service implementation deadline on either their funding commitment decision letters or revised FCDLs for funding years 2016 or 2017 due to this system error; and did not complete special construction by the correct deadline but did meet the incorrect deadline generated by USAC's systems. The Bureau directed USAC to extend the special construction service implementation deadline for each of the affected applicants to the deadline listed on the applicant's FCDL or RFCDL and to adjust the associated invoicing deadline for these applicants.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau released a [Public Notice](#) on February 28, 2019, granting, denying, and dismissing various petitions related to actions taken by USAC on E-rate, the Rural Health Care Program, and USF contributions. Petitions for reconsideration or applications for review of these decisions must be filed within 30 days of the Public Notice.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on February 28, 2019, seeking comment on Broadband VI's [Petition](#) for a waiver of the Lifeline minimum service standards for its fixed broadband service. Comments are due March 14, 2019; replies are due March 21, 2019.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on February 26, 2019, seeking comment on Tombigbee Communication's [Petition for ETC designation](#) for a service area containing 100 census blocks in Alabama as a winning bidder in the CAF Phase II Auction. Comments are due March 12, 2019; replies are due March 19, 2019.
- Wind River Internet [filed](#) a [supplement](#) on February 27, 2019, to its [Petition](#) seeking ETC designation within the federally recognized Wind River Reservation, including the census block groups for which it had winning bids in the CAF Phase II Auction 903. WRI said the supplement provides further details regarding its request to be designated as an ETC to offer Tribal Lands Lifeline services to qualifying Tribal residents throughout its Tribal service area, and it seeks authority to obtain Link Up support for eligible Tribal customers.
- Plains Internet filed a [letter](#) on February 25, 2019, to submit to the Commission a certification and TPUC Order granting Plains ETC designation in Texas, which is a requirement for Plains to receive CAF Phase II support. Plains Internet was awarded the support via Auction 903.
- Free Press [met with](#) Commissioner Starks and his Legal Advisors on February 19, 2019, to discuss Lifeline, broadband deployment, the T-Mobile/Sprint merger, and the restoration of service in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. Free Press expressed concerns about the additional eligibility criteria for the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier, claiming it is preventing people from certifying their eligibility

for Lifeline. Free Press also urged the Commission to focus on broadband affordability, saying the high price of service and other adoption barriers prevent many people from subscribing to high-speed options available to them.

- Free Press, Common Cause, *et al.* [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff and USAC on February 26 and 27, 2019, to reiterate their concerns regarding verification processes of the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier. They discussed their concerns with the expiration date requirement for SNAP cards and the latitude/longitude requirements for individuals without a U.S. Postal Service recognized address. They also asserted the paper application needs further clarity.
- TracFone Wireless filed a second [amendment](#) on February 28, 2019, to its September 2017 [Petition](#) seeking to expand its ETC designation to include Tribal lands in Alabama, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, and Virginia. TracFone said its amendment reflects its current proposed enhanced Lifeline offering for residents of Tribal lands and provides updated data regarding Lifeline services being provided to residents of Tribal lands by other carriers.
- WTA met separately with Advisors to [Chairman Pai](#) and [Commissioner O'Rielly](#) on February 22, 2019, to discuss supply chain issues. WTA recommended the Commission use its expertise to study the matter further so that the Commission and industry could have a complete grasp of the costs of a transition away from equipment prohibited by the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act. WTA said such a study should also consider what types of equipment actually impact national security and should be banned versus what types of equipment are deemed not to be a threat.
- Gtek Computers and Wireless filed a renewed [Request for Review and Waiver](#) on February 22, 2019, of USAC's denial of its appeal for cancellation of sanctions and actions imposed on Gtek for failure to file FCC Form 499-A for 2014-2015. Gtek said the Commission has not acted on its [2016 request](#) and USAC has continued to add interest and penalties to its account. Gtek said the primary issue raised in the 2016 appeal is whether it is exempt from filing FCC Form 499-A and from contributing directly to the USF or other telecommunications funding mechanisms. Gtek asserted it offers ancillary VoIP services for which it receives *de minimis* revenues.
- The American Cable Association filed a [letter](#) on February 28, 2019, on the determination of rural rates for calculating support for the RHC Program. ACA agreed with comments of NCTA, GCI and others that suggested the Commission refrain from subjecting rural rates for RHC-purchased services to strict regulatory oversight. ACA recommended the FCC not adopt a highly regulatory regime to determine rural rates for the RHC program for services offered on a competitive basis, but instead should rely on a competitive bidding process and should simplify the rules to attract more providers to participate.
- GCI [met with](#) Commissioners Starks' Advisors on February 26, 2019, to discuss its [Application for Review](#) of a Wireline Competition Bureau decision prescribing interstate interexchange rates for certain Funding Year 2017 services provided to rural health care providers.

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- An FCC [notice](#) was published in the Federal Register on March 1, 2019, announcing that on February 22, 2019, the Office of Management and Budget approved, via a non-substantive change request, an information collection associated with section 36.3(b) (freezing of jurisdictional separations category relationships and/or allocation factors) that was contained in the December 17, 2018 [Order](#) extending for up to six years the freeze of separations category relationships and allocation factors that it originally adopted in 2001. The amendments to section 36.3(b) are effective March 1, 2019.
- The [NPRM](#) proposing to amend its Truth in Caller ID rules to implement the anti-spoofing provisions of the RAY BAUM'S Act was published in the [Federal Register](#) on March 4, 2019. Comments are due April 3, 2019; reply comments are due May 3, 2019.

- The Enforcement Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on February 28, 2019, to remind telecommunications carriers and interconnected VoIP providers that annual CPNI certifications are due March 1, 2019. The Bureau also provided FAQs, a CPNI certification template, and text of the CPNI recordkeeping and certification rules.
- The FCC issued a [News Release](#) on February 26, 2019, with Commissioner Starks' statement regarding Windstream Holdings' filing of petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code on February 25, 2019. Starks said; "It's concerning when one of the nation's largest internet and voice service providers files for bankruptcy. . . . I will also be watching to ensure that Windstream makes proper use of the millions of dollars in Universal Service funding it receives and that it meets all broadband connectivity and other commitments related to that funding."
- Chairman Pai [announced](#) on February 27, 2019, Alexander Sanjenis will serve as his acting media advisor, replacing Alison Nemeth Steger. Mr. Sanjenis currently serves as a Legal Advisor in the front office of the Media Bureau, and previously served as a staff attorney in the Media Bureau's Audio Division.
- No comments were filed on EATELCORP and Reserve Communications and Computer Corporation's 214 application requesting consent for the transfer of control of EATEL to Reserve. Reply comments are due March 7, 2019. [Public Notice](#)
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on March 1, 2019, granting an application for interconnected VoIP numbering authorization filed by Comcast IP Phone. The Bureau said this proceeding will be terminated 60 days from the date of this Public Notice if there are no further filings.

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Upcoming Filing Dates

- Mar. 4 - Replies due to oppositions to the City of New Orleans, et al.'s [Petition for Reconsideration](#) of the September 2018 [Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order](#) on wireless infrastructure deployment. [FR](#)
- Mar. 4 - Comments due on Northeast Nebraska Telephone's request for waiver of sections 51.909(a), 51.917(b)(1), and 51.917(b)(7) in order to merge two commonly-owned study areas and modify revenue requirements. Replies are due March 14, 2019. [Public Notice](#)
- Mar. 6 - Comments due on petitions filed by [Redwire](#) and [ViaSat Carrier Services](#) seeking ETC designation as winning bidders of CAF Phase II auction support. Replies are due March 13, 2019. [Public Notice](#)
- Mar. 7 - Replies due on EATELCORP and Reserve Communications and Computer Corporation's 214 application requesting consent for the transfer of control of EATEL to Reserve. [Public Notice](#)
- Mar. 7 - Comments due on a computer matching program that the FCC and USAC will conduct with four non-Federal agencies to verify the eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of the Lifeline program. [FR Notice](#)
- Mar. 7 - Comments due on Bright Packet's application for authorization to obtain NANP telephone numbers directly from the Numbering Administrators for its iVoIP service. [Public Notice](#)
- Mar. 8 - Comments due on the [FNPRM](#) that was attached to the December 13, 2018 Report and Order that offered additional funding to carriers that currently receive A-CAM support in exchange for deploying broadband at increased speeds, among other things. Replies are due April 8, 2019. [FR](#)
- Mar. 8 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with ILEC unbundling obligations resulting from the 2005 [Order on Remand](#). [FR](#)

- Mar. 8 - Comments due on NECA's December 20, 2018 [proposed revisions](#) to formulas used for average schedule interstate settlement disbursements. The revisions are proposed to become effective for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2019. Replies are due March 25, 2019. [Public Notice](#)
- Mar. 11 - Replies due on the Second FNPRM and FNPRM that accompanied the [Report and Order](#) that allows certain RLECs that receive fixed high-cost support to transition from RoR regulation to incentive regulation for their business data services. [PN](#) | [FR](#)
- Mar. 11 - Replies due on the 2018 Biennial Review of Telecommunications Regulations. [PN](#) | [PN](#)
- Mar. 12 - Comments due on Tombigbee Communication's [Petition for ETC designation](#) for a service area containing 100 census blocks in Alabama as a winning bidder in the CAF Phase II Auction. Replies are due March 19, 2019. [Public Notice](#)
- Mar. 13 - Replies due on petitions filed by [Redwire](#) and [ViaSat Carrier Services](#) seeking ETC designation as winning bidders of CAF Phase II auction support. [Public Notice](#)
- Mar. 14 - Comments due on Broadband VI's [Petition](#) for a waiver of the Lifeline minimum service standards for its fixed broadband service. Replies are due March 21, 2019. [Public Notice](#)
- Mar. 14 - Replies due on Northeast Nebraska Telephone's request for waiver of sections 51.909(a), 51.917(b)(1), and 51.917(b)(7) in order to merge two commonly-owned study areas and modify revenue requirements. [Public Notice](#)
- Mar. 18 - Comments due on the [NPRM](#) on whether the amortization suspension has encouraged the deployment of high-speed, low-cost connections, and the effect of the amortization suspension on applicants and on USF expenditures. Replies are due April 1, 2019. [FR](#)
- Mar. 19 - Replies due on Tombigbee Communication's [Petition for ETC designation](#) for a service area containing 100 census blocks in Alabama as a winning bidder in the CAF Phase II Auction. [Public Notice](#)
- Mar. 21 - Replies due on Broadband VI's [Petition](#) for a waiver of the Lifeline minimum service standards for its fixed broadband service. [Public Notice](#)
- Mar. 25 - Replies due on NECA's December 20, 2018 [proposed revisions](#) to formulas used for average schedule interstate settlement disbursements. The revisions are proposed to become effective for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2019. [Public Notice](#)
- Mar. 25 - Comments due on two applications for transfers of control: NTS Communications, NTS Telephone, PRIDE Network, and XFone seek approval for transfer of control to Clarity Telecom, d/b/a Vast Broadband; and Clarity Holdings seeks approval for transfer from PC III Holdings to Python Intermediate II. Reply comments are due April 9, 2019. [Public Notice](#)
- Apr. 1 - Replies due on the [NPRM](#) on whether the amortization suspension has encouraged the deployment of high-speed, low-cost connections, and the effect of the amortization suspension on applicants and on USF expenditures. [FR](#)
- Apr. 3 - Comments due on the [NPRM](#) proposing to amend its Truth in Caller ID rules to implement the anti-spoofing provisions of the RAY BAUM'S Act. Reply comments are due May 3, 2019. [FR](#)
- Apr. 8 - Replies due on the [FNPRM](#) that was attached to the December 13, 2018 Report and Order that offered additional funding to carriers that currently receive A-CAM support in exchange for deploying broadband at increased speeds, among other things. [FR](#)
- Apr. 8 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection pursuant to section 69.605, Reporting and Distribution of Pool Access Revenues, Part 69-Access Charges. [FR](#)

- Apr. 9 - Replies due on two applications for transfers of control: NTS Communications, NTS Telephone, PRIDE Network, and XFone seek approval for transfer of control to Clarity Telecom, d/b/a Vast Broadband; and Clarity Holdings seeks approval for transfer from PC III Holdings to Python Intermediate II. [Public Notice](#)
- Apr. 12 - PRA comments due on a request for extension of an information collection associated with Mobility Fund I support. [FR notice](#)
- Apr. 22 - PRA comments due on a revision to an existing information collection in FCC Form 481. [FR](#)
- May 3 - Replies due on the [NPRM](#) proposing to amend its Truth in Caller ID rules to implement the anti-spoofing provisions of the RAY BAUM'S Act. [FR](#)

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